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SUBJ: AUSTRIA'S SECOND NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT: REQUEST
FOR ASSISTANCE TO AUSTRIAN FILM COMPANY

REF: VIENNA 8248 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: AUSTRIAN FILM COMPANY COMMISSIONED BY AUSTRIAN
NUCLEAR POWER AUTHORITIES TO DO FILM ON SAFETY OF NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS. TEAM REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
TRIP TO US EARLY FEBRUARY. IN VIEW US INTEREST IN SECOND
NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT AND WIDESPREAD PUBLIC MISUNDERSTANDINGS
HERE ABOUT SAFETY OF US REACTORS, REQUEST APPROPRIATE FA-
CILITATIVE ASSISTANCE.

1. AUSTRIAN FILM COMPANY, VIVienne FILM PRODUKTION G.M.B.H.
HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY AUSTRIAN NUCLEAR PLANNING COMPANY,
KERNKRAFTWERK-PLANUNGS G.M.B.H. (KKWP), TO DO FILM ON
THEME OF SAFETY OF NUCLEAR PLANTS. WE UNDERSTAND OBJECT IS
TO DEMONSTRATE THAT PLANTS ARE IN FACT SAFE UNDER PROPER
CONDITIONS. FILM IS FOR USE IN THEATERS, TV AS WELL
AS PUBLIC DISCUSSION GROUPS IN AUSTRIA. A 3-MAN FILMING
TEAM HEADED BY MAX VRECER AND ACCOMPANIED BY DR. GERT
NEUMANN OF KKWP DUE TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT
FEBRUARY 2 FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS' STAY IN US. FIRST
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CONTACT WILL BE ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM, 475 PARK AVE.,

NEW YORK, N.Y. TEAM IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC, WESTINGHOUSE AND BABCOCK-WILCOX IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FILMING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS LOCATED AT BROWN'S FERRY, TURKEY POINT AND POSSIBLY OTHER PLANTS. IN ADDITION, TEAM WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW PROMINENT U.S. OFFICIAL SUCH AS DR. DIXIE LEE RAY ABOUT EXPERIENCES WITH SAFETY ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

2. VIVIENNE COMPANY HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH US TRIP. AFTER CONSULTING WITH US MISSION TO IAEA HERE, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT TEAM CONTACT FOLLOWING OFFICIALS: EDWARD WILBUR, CHIEF, AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES BRANCH, ERDA, AND HERBERT KOUTS, NRC. VRCER WILL CALL THESE OFFICIALS FROM NEW YORK. WE HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT TEAM MAY WISH TO CONTACT USIA/IMV FOR FURTHER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. IMV SHOULD ADVISE USIS, VIENNA, PRIORITY, NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPROPRIATE CONTACT.

3. KKWP IS KEY AUSTRIAN ORGAN NOW EXAMINING BIDS FOR SECOND NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT. SINCE GE AND BABCOCK-WILCOX ARE ACTIVE CONTENDERS FOR AUSTRIA'S SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT, WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST AS WELL AS USG INTEREST TO ASSIST AUSTRIANS IN FILM PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD SUCH ASSISTANCE FROM GERMAN AND SWEDISH CONTENDERS FOR SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT. IN ADDITION TO ASSISTANCE REQUESTED ABOVE, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ALERT GE AND BABCOCK-WILCOX AND ENCOURAGE THEIR COOPERATION.

4. FOR USIA/IMV: SUBJECT HAS BEEN AIRED ON SEVERAL AUSTRIAN TV MAJOR PROGRAMS DURING PAST THREE MONTHS AND OVERALL REACTION HAS BEEN NEGATIVE. BELIEVE THIS IS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ISSUE OF NUCLEAR SAFETY IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. HUMES

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